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SUBJ: PROSPECTS IN UPCOMING BYELECTIONS

1. WITH THE LISTS NOW CLOSED FOR CANDIDATES, PRESS BEGINNING  
PAY MORE ATTENTION TO UPCOMING FEDERAL BYELECTIONS. GENERAL  
CONSENSUS HAS BEEN LIBERALS WOULD HOLD PROBABLY ALL FOUR SEATS,  
THOUGH TERREBONNE A POSSIBILITY FOR THE PROGRESSIVE-CONSERVATIVES,  
AND TEMISCAMINGUE (HELD BY SOCIAL CREDIT) STILL UNCERTAIN.

2. LAST MINUTE ENTRY INTO TERREBONNE LISTS YESTERDAY OF GILLES  
MELANCON AS AN INDEPENDENT BOUND TO UPSET PRIOR CONSIDERATIONS.  
MELANCON WAS DEFEATED PC CANDIDATE IN 1974 AND EXPECTED CARRY  
PARTY COLORS THIS TIME. WHEN DEFEATED FOR NOMINATION BY ROGER  
DELORME, HE AND SUPPORTERS WERE OUTRAGED. INROADS, IF ANY,  
BY DELORME AGAINST ROLAND COMTOIS, THE LIBERAL CANDIDATE, MAY  
WELL BE OFFSET BY DEFECTIONS TO MELANCON. DELORME HOLDING  
COMTOIS "RESPONSIBLE FOR UNNECESSARY ELECTION" BY HAVING RESIGNED  
THE SEAT TO RUN IN PROVINCIAL ELECTION. THIS RIDING COVERS TWO  
PROVINCIAL DISTRICTS, BOTH TAKEN HANDSOMELY BY PARTI QUEBECOIS  
IN NOVEMBER, AND EXTENT TO WHICH PQ MEMBERS SUPPORT PC IN ORDER  
EMBARRASS LIBERALS WILL PROBABLY BE KEY FACTOR. AT PRESENT,  
COMTOIS AND LIBERALS LOOK SOLID. IT NOTEWORTHY, AS SIDELIGHT,  
THAT COMTOIS IS PLUGGING TRUDEAU IN HIS POSTERS, LITERATURE, ETC.,  
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WHILE DELORME IS NOT MENTIONING CLARK AND EVEN PC EMBLEM IS  
"IN FINE PRINT" ON POSTERS.

3. VERDUN WOULD APPEAR STILL BE LIBERAL TERRITORY. WELL-KNOWN,  
POPULAR CITY COUNCILLOR RAYMOND SAVARD HAS HIS OWN CITY MACHINE AS  
WELL AS THAT OF BRYCE MACKASEY WORKING ALL HUSTINGS. NDP CANDI-  
DATE PHIL EDMONSTON IS POPULAR BUT HOLDS NO HOPE OF WINNING; HE

APPEARS TO BE MAKING TRIAL RUN WITH EYE TO NEXT GENERAL ELECTION.  
PC CANDIDATE, PIERRETTE LUCAS, IS CAMPAIGNING  
HARD BUT SUFFERING  
FROM NOT LIVING IN VERDUN (NEITHER DOES EDMONSTON) AND INTRA-  
PARTY DISSENSION OVER HER WINNING THE CANDIDACY AGAINST EDDIE  
VIGNEAULT (MONTREAL'S 609). ALTHOUGH ANYTHING CAN HAPPEN, IT  
IMPROBABLY THAT LIBERALS CAN LOSE THIS SEAT.

4. TEMISCAMINGUE HAS NOT JELLED. GILLES CAOUETTE HAS A HEAD  
START DUE FATHER'S STATURE, BUT VOTERS APPARENTLY NOT YET SURE  
HE CAN FILL REAL'S SHOES. LIBERAL CANDIDATE GASTON PRATTE IS  
POLITICAL NEOPHYTE, BUT RECENT VISIT BY TRUDEAU UNQUESTIONABLY  
AN IMPORTANT ASSIST. PC CANDIDATE, NORMAND GRIMARD, IS A  
WEALTHY ATTORNEY WHO REPORTEDLY RIDES AROUND FAIRLY IMPOVERISHED  
AREA IN A CHAUFFEUR-DRIVEN LIMOSINE. ODDS ARE ON CAOUETTE  
PROBABLY, PRATTE A CLOSE SECOND. THIS COULD CHANGE AS VOTING  
DATE NEARS.  
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